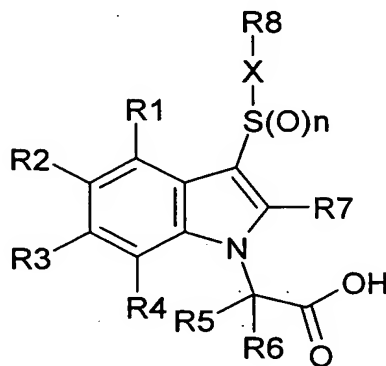


ABSTRACT  
COMPOUNDS HAVING CRTH2 ANTAGONIST ACTIVITY

Compounds of general formula (I):

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wherein

10  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently hydrogen, halo,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $-O(C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl),  $-CON(R^9)_2$ ,  $-SOR^9$ ,  $-SO_2R^9$ ,  $-SO_2N(R^9)_2$ ,  $-N(R^9)_2$ ,  $-NR^9COR^9$ ,  $-CO_2R^9$ ,  $-COR^9$ ,  $-SR^9$ ,  $-OH$ ,  $-NO_2$  or  $-CN$ ;

each  $R^9$  is independently hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl;

$R^5$  and  $R^6$  are each independently hydrogen, or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl or together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a  $C_3$ - $C_7$  cycloalkyl group;

15  $R^7$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl

$n$  is 1 or 2;

$X$  is a bond or, when  $n$  is 2,  $X$  may also be a  $NR^9$  group;

wherein  $R^9$  is as defined above;

20 when  $X$  is a bond  $R^8$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkynyl, biphenyl or a 9-14 membered bicyclic or tricyclic heteroaryl group;

when  $X$  is a  $NR^9$  group  $R^8$  may additionally be phenyl, naphthyl or a 5-7 membered heteroaromatic ring; and

25 the  $R^8$  group is optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from halo,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $-O(C_1$ - $C_6$ )alkyl, aryl,  $-O$ -aryl, heteroaryl,  $-O$ -heteroaryl,

-CON(R<sup>9</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -SOR<sup>9</sup>, -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>N(R<sup>9</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -N(R<sup>9</sup>)<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sup>9</sup>COR<sup>9</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>9</sup>, -COR<sup>9</sup>, -SR<sup>9</sup>,  
-OH, -NO<sub>2</sub> or -CN;

wherein R<sup>9</sup> is as defined above;

- 5 and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates, solvates, complexes and prodrugs are useful in the treatment of allergic diseases such as asthma, allergic rhinitis and atopic dermatitis.